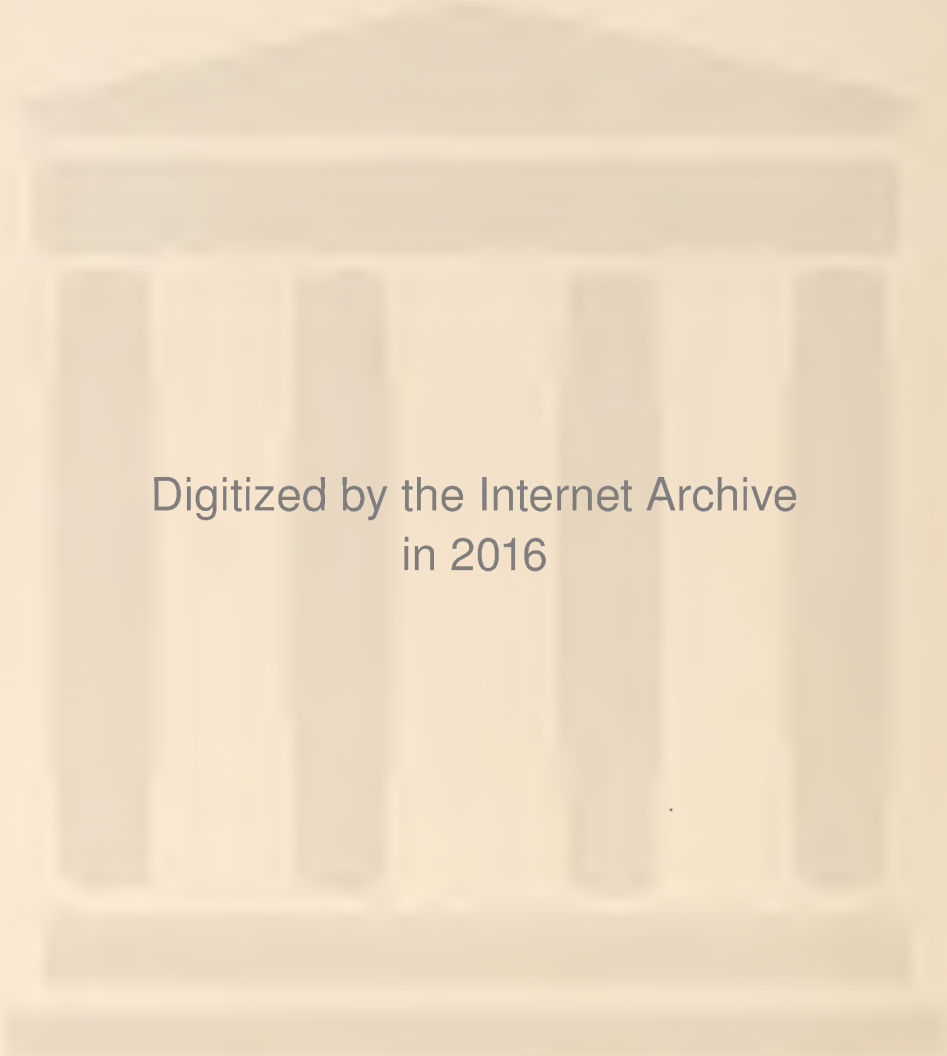


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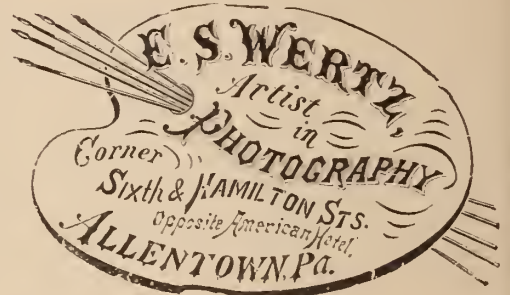
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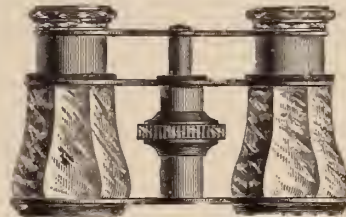
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IT is time that some measures were taken
toward raising money for fitting up the
new grounds of the Athletic Association. There
is but little more work to be done on the
grading. After that is finished they will go
into the hands of the athletic committee, and
it remains to be seen whether our gratitude for
the gift will show itself in a suitable carrying
out of the work so well begun, or by allowing
matters to languish and the money already
spent, to be wasted. The things yet to be done
are the building of a suitable fence and grand-
stand, and the laying of a cinder track; the
Athletic committee should make an estimate of
the probable cost and immediately start a sub-
scription, or scheme of taxation, in order that
work could be commenced as soon as the
grounds are out of the present contractor's
hands; while the question of an amateur en-
tertainment for this object should be agitated.
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and fifty dollars is subscribed by others on or
before the middle of next April. It would be a
pity if Mr. Wilbur's generous expenditure of
three thousand dollars in grading should be fol-
lowed by a failure on our part to raise the few
hundreds necessary to complete the work.

OWING to the colossal stupidity of one
of our mailing clerks, several of our
subscribers, who had paid up, received notices
to the contrary, on the wrappers of the January
number. It was one of those things—the
existence of said stupidity—over which man
has no control, being spontaneous and natural,
like a spring freshet, and the results were in no
way the fault of the business editor. We had
made out a carefully prepared list, going over
it several times, to be sure that none of the
sheep were mixed in with the goats. This we
took down for the guidance of the aforemen-
tioned mailing clerk; but he, in his childlike
simplicity, threw it to one side and went back
to an old list with its maze of errors, misprints
and corrections. As a result, when the grand
drawing took place, some obtained chromos
when they ought to have had blanks.

IT is with great pleasure we have watched
the equipment of Prof. Harding's new
laboratory, in the department of Physics.
With two or in fact three connected rooms
and an abundance of apparatus, there is no
more of the old crowding, and the time when
there was a grand scramble for each piece of
apparatus, as soon as the user was through
with it, is at an end. But along with it has
gone one of the pleasures of the course. That
of watching the professor with an old tin can,
a piece of wire and three inches of rope, ex-

plain every thing in the course and made it so plain that the dumbest man in the class could not fail to understand it. Future classes will miss this pleasure, but will be partly repaid by working in comfortable quarters, and feeling confidence in the results obtained; which was more than was possible with the old laboratory and its equipment. Let the good work go on, and when the new chemical laboratory is finished, new dormitories built and Christian Evidences abolished, we shall truly have nothing more to ask for, unless, indeed we might suggest a new clerk in the Library.

AMONG many changes lately introduced in the technical courses, we have looked in vain for the introduction of a short, condensed course in common law, particularly as regards suing, serving injunctions, etc. Now we know very well this will be met with the objection of an already over-crowded course; but we affirm that it is more necessary and more beneficial than some of the minor branches now taught. It would be particularly useful to the young engineer, who, inexperienced, often allows himself to be taken advantage of by the wily lawyer. The faculty will probably say, let him get a digest of the common law and read up for himself. He has no time for that while here, and will put it off from time to time, until suddenly circumstances are such that he has to sue or is sued. He goes to a lawyer, and knowing nothing of law, is fleeced. The senior technicals already have a course of lectures on the patent laws, and if these could be extended so as to include the common law or that portion mentioned, and delivered in the same concise, clear form that they are, it would be a useful addition to the course.

SPRING approaches and the question of athletics looms up. The question as to whether Lehigh is to repeat the brilliant record of failures made at the Polo Grounds last May. Of course there were good and sufficient reasons, the small-pox, etc., etc., but reasoning

on the causes of failure is an unprofitable occupation. Give us rather the logic of success. There is no danger of interruption from the scourge this year, as one tenth of the native population has been through the mill and the other nine tenths have been pretty thoroughly vaccinated. Thus there is an opportunity to take a brace. There was never a larger number of students in the University, than at present. '83 is yet with us, the most stalwart of classes. The Gym. will soon be in working order, so that intelligent training can be done. Mr. Wilbur's generosity has placed us in possession of a perfectly level terrace within easy reach of it, with an abundance of space for a quarter mile track, base ball and foot ball grounds and tennis courts. In fact there is no reason whatever, why we should not have a most successful Spring meeting and send the victors down to Mott Haven with the injunction to do or die. With honest work we have a chance of obtaining the 440 yards dash, the bicycle race, tug of war and shot; with a sure thing on the pole vault. The foregoing is not extravagant, for it must be remembered that nearly all that has been done in the past, and it is by no means little, has been accomplished without systematic training. Moreover the records made at the Fall meeting compare favorably with those of other colleges at the same season.

All this however is on the supposition that hard training is done. It is gratifying to know that some men have already commenced.

WE are in receipt of a communication from a member of the class of '70, which we have enjoyed reading very much, but which we can not publish, because in the first place it is semi-anonymous, being signed by initials only, and secondly because it is not in a suitable form. For instance he starts out with "Having accidentally seen a copy of your paper." Great Cæsar! and has it come to this? After having been badgered for a week by anxious inquiries as to when the

BURR was coming out, are we to be told that somebody has *accidentally* seen a copy? The description of the instructor in French who "obtained his accent in the Rhenish provinces, and his morals in the *Latin Quartier* of Paris," is amusing, and the account of how the class of '70 deserted *en masse* when the transit line they were running crossed the well worn path to the brewery, instructive; but we relented not.

Next time, Friend! Begin with "Being a constant reader of your valuable Journal," or "Permit me to employ a few lines of your valuable space." These are the phrases that soften the editorial heart, muzzle the editorial waste basket, and even exert their mollifying influence on the contents of the paste pot.

AS the commencement season draws near the usual harpings on the subject of wearing dress suits on commencement morning are in order, and as usual the proposition to abolish them in favor of the cap and gown is met with the objection that it is the *custom* here to wear the former. To pass by the argument, patent to all educated gentlemen, that dress suits are never in order until after sunset; what if it is a custom? it is certainly one more honored in the breach, than in the observance, and that we should continue to honor a bad precedent because our predecessors did so, is no argument at all. Within the last few years we have seen several customs fall, notably the "mock programme," and we are the better for it. The cap and gown are certainly more collegiate and why they could not just as well be worn by technicals, as men of the classical schools, no one has yet shown a sufficient reason. The class that is about to graduate has been influential in many changes that have taken place during the last four years, and now it has the chance to introduce one more reform. Let it put its foot down and stamp out a custom that has too long made our rostrum appear ridiculous.

WE notice that one of the doors in the annex to Saucon Hall, is badly charred, showing it to have taken fire from the gas-jet, which is too near the door for safety. Either the doors must be protected in some way, or extraordinary care must be taken to see that they are not near enough to the gas-jet to take fire.

While the cry of nearly all the college papers is for fire escapes on the dormitories, we must not forget that a fire in Saucon would be a very unwelcome visitor. Of course, the only time in which there is danger is at night when the gas is burning and when we are least prepared for it.

TEMPUS FUGIT.

NOW save ye, merry workmen,
Now save ye, foreman too,
Full many a day ye've had your play
Full many a salary drew.

But while ye grow so fat and fair
The student waxeth slim;
The bodily work ye gladly shirk
Is just the thing for him.

So, prithee, hasten workmen,
And hasten foreman, do;
That neat and trim we'll have our gym,
Ere we're as old as you.

NEW RULES.

RESPECTFULLY DEDICATED, TO THE HOP
COMMITTEE.

THE following suggestions are offered to the committee for the management of the Hop to open the Gymnasium:

That the cloak room be exclusively used for cigarette fiends.

No performing be permitted during the evening of the Hop upon the trapeze, horizontal bar, etc.

In order to guard against any injury of the floor, no person be granted admission save those wearing carpet slippers or rubber overshoes.

No person having their refreshments in the gallery be allowed to drop fragments on dancing floor.

Each lady be furnished with two programmes, one of which will be circulated among the young men who block up the entrance to the ladies' cloak room, and the other be reserved until she reaches the ball room where she shall have the option of preventing the

same name from being scribbled on her card more than half a dozen times, thereby allowing the gentlemen who attend the hop with ladies an opportunity to get a few dances.

Finally, that the winding stairway in the tower be used exclusively by those wishing to visit the vat-ican where one can obtain a London *Punch* or enjoy a good Figaro, consequently all contracting parties be warned against their flighty ways.

A DISCIPLE OF THEODORE HOOKS.

MY freshman, Conway Maur, entered the room a few days ago and dropped into my easy chair. "What's new?" he inquired, as he mechanically reached for the best pipe. "Now don't convulse me by saying that *I* am," he hastened to add, "it's neither original nor polite, and further, when I say something new, I do not necessarily long for such interesting facts as, that the new catalogue is out, that the Gymnasium will be completed about commencement week, or that the Physical Labratory is at last a reality. No. Is there nothing beside these gems of gossip, these offsprings of the Janitor's room and main-spring of the local columns in the BURR, to satiate my longing for novelty; though for that matter you might unkindly refer to my last quest for novelty and ask if I had not had enough."

"Which was that?" I inquired, "do you mean your calling on *Minnie Maddern* as a reporter of the *Times*?" "No, the Hellertown Episode. It's a terrible grind. Inflicted by one of my own class too. I thought everybody had heard of that. You really must brush up. You're a regular fossil. You've not been out since De Claucy's german, I know, because the last time I borrowed your crush-hat, the stains you managed to get on it that night, are there still. But I'll take pity on your isolated state and expose myself. You see it was this way. While I was meandering through the parlor car on my way to Philadelphia, a few Saturdays ago, in the vain hope of striking a possible acquaintance—you know I never carry my own tobacco—I beheld fill-in-the-adjectives-to-suit-your-idea-of, two charm-

ing young ladies, each with a generous poke bonnets, Mousquetaire gloves, dresses fashioned after Du Maurier's latest cartoon; and tightly claspng an alligator travelling bag. The picture was perfect and irresistible. I completed a financial arrangement with the porter, of fifty cents all around and sank into a seat opposite the two female Dromios to meditate how I might, with safety, make a chance acquaintance. I longed for a collision or breakdown, hoped for the possibility of being snowed up, or the mediating cinder, anything, to offer some excuse for approaching them.

I even considered the possibility of bribing the conductor to refuse their tickets and so allow me to pay the fare and gain their eternal gratitude, but the probable virtue of the conductor and my proverbial shortness of funds, caused me to reject the enticing scheme.

While I pondered, the train stopped at Hellertown and imagine my feelings when the fair ones gathered their novels and travelling bags about them, preparatory to descending on that village of mud and coal cars. I was greatly relieved, however, to see them met by an English coachman who touched his hat and helped them into a swell sleigh with two coal black steeds attached. The steeds were in front. Now, I know you will be shocked at the rest of the story. You won't approve of it. As it was a failure, I don't myself. The next Saturday I had nothing on my hands but a few conditions to work off and some chemistry notes to write up, nothing I mean of interest to me. The mysterious denizens of Hellertown recurred to my wavering mind. About twelve o'clock my customary stability gave way and I started to call on the aforesaid mysteries. I said you'd be shocked! I had been reading an account of Theodore Hook's way of making people's acquaintance, which I decided to follow. It was something like this. Whenever he wanted a dinner, he would go to a house where he knew an entertainment of that delicious order was being given, mix with the guests and charm them with his

wit and easy address, until he had collected quite a circle around him; the host would approach, hesitate and finally inquire the gentleman's name. Hook in turn would ask the host if he was not Mr. so and so, and being answered in the negative, would endeavor to withdraw, declaring he had mistaken the house for one to which he had a letter of introduction. The host, only too glad to retain so ready a *raconteur*, would insist on his staying, which he naturally did, at least that's what I intended to do, if my wit and address charmed them sufficiently to ask *me* to linger. On the train I sat beside a brother freshman, whose face I hardly knew, still less his name. On his telling me he lived in Hellertown, I said, "you'r the man I want; what family is it that drives a red sleigh with black horses and an English groom that touches his hat?" "I think you refer to the Snowden's," he said with a laugh. "What's the matter with the Snowden's? I inquired, what's there to laugh at?" "O! nothing," he said, but he grinned away all the same. When I got out he came with me, but in his haste forgot his books, put back for them and was carried off to Bingen, much to my delight. I did not want him about during my siege of the Snowden mansion. On turning to the row of stately brick houses, which constitute the town, I beheld the red sleigh, horses and groom, drawn up beside the station. The groom looked at me, touched his hat and soliloquised about a return train from Philadelphia, and there being no necessity of waiting, finished with the lucid inquiry as to whether I wished to wait or ride. As I didn't see anything to wait for and many excellent reasons for riding, I mounted the vermilion sleigh, drew the two hundred dollar lap robe around me, and thanked my bewildered but lucky stars.

On inquiring of the driver, as to who lived in the different houses, I received most full and graphic accounts of the owners and their past family history. Among these I selected the Muckler family, as the house to which I

should suppose myself invited, and for which I would mistake the Snowden's. I had just decided upon this when the sleigh started up an avenue of evergreens and dropped me at the door of a really handsome building. I selected a card that did not bear too strong an evidence of continual connection with "Vanity Fair" cigarettes, and boldly rang the bell. Servant appeared.

"Mrs," here I coughed violently, "at home?"

"Yes sir, walk in."

Delightful parlor, open fire, waxed floors with turkish rugs, ancient furniture. Just the very house to have worked my sketching for the *Century* scheme, that you exposed so contemptibly in the BURR. While racking my memory to recall something witty, the heavy curtain was pulled aside and Mrs. Snowden entered. I rushed at her with all the eagerness a man can show on a waxed floor and grasped her hand. "You see, I lost no time in accepting your kind invitation," I said, "And it was very considerate of you to send the sleigh for me, though, I didn't know you had heard of my coasting accident, it's better now," I added reassuringly, "only it compels me to remain indoors and not walk at all." I did not see how she could very well send me out after that. "You don't know," I continued, as I saw she was about to say something, "what a positive treat it is to leave the work-a-day routine and the bare rooms of the college, for the society one is accustomed to, and to be surrounded by such evidences of taste and culture!" Here I gazed admiringly at the walls and the turkish mantraps. "May I ask to be presented to your daughters, if they are in." A gleam of hope shone on the hitherto startled countenance of my hostess, and with a frightened "certainly, I will call them," disappeared. She went so suddenly that I was struck with the idea that she might have gone after the English coachman to scientifically finish me off, but was re-assured by the voices of three approaching females.

The young ladies entered, and I was presented by Mama.

Now, I considered, is evidently the time to charm with my wit and address.

The young lady began it. "Why didn't Ed. come with you, Mr. Maur?"

Who the deuce's Ed. I thought, but I was evidently supposed to know all about him, so I hazarded the possibility of his stopping over to hear the opera that night.

"The opera!" exclaimed Mrs. Snowden. "Edward surely does not attend the play-house, does he?"

I had evidently got Edward in a family difficulty, so hastened to add, that I distinctly remembered he said he was going coasting. This seemed rather worse than the former. A growing cloud settled upon the visages of Edward's three relatives. "He promised me," his mother said, in sepulchral tones, "he never would coast again, after the terrible accident his brother met with."

I tried to look properly sympathetic, but was inwardly somewhat troubled as to the unforeseen result of my wit and address. I was evidently taken for a friend of Edward's, who ever he was, and that seemed all that was necessary, so I refrained from remarking on Mrs. Muckler.

While we still sat plunged in gloom over Eddie's delinquencies, luncheon was announced and we adjourned to the dining room. I began to think Hook wasn't such a smart fellow after all. The young ladies manifested a strong interest in the college, and seemed to know as much about it as I did. I know they told me about several things in my course I had never heard of before. I really must take to attending college, merely as a novelty of course. We were getting along finely and I was just about to remind the Misses Snowden of my first seeing them in the car, when the sleigh, which I had heard depart half an hour before, came jingling up to the door, a step sounded in the hall and the same miserable freshman that had been carried off to Bingen

came bouncing into the room. This individual was Ed. whom I had left coasting in Bethlehem. He gazed at me with unpolished amazement.

"Why, hello, Maur!" he gasped.

I saw my time had come. "Hello!" I said, "I didn't know you knew Mrs. Muckler." The inaptness of this remark seemed to strike them all as rather extraordinary. "I don't understand," he said, "I didn't know you knew my sisters. You must excuse my rather hasty greeting, but you didn't know them this morning when you asked who drove the red sleigh."

"Your sisters," I exclaimed, with a start that Booth might have envied, "are not these the Misses Muckler?"

"Good gracious, No! There are no Misses Muckler."

"Why, then I misconstrued Mrs Muckler's invitation," I said, "she certainly said, when she wrote for me to come down to-day, that her daughters would be at home."

"Mrs. Muckler wrote to you?" almost screamed the quartette, "why she has been dead a year, the house has just been opened!"

I gasped out something about a positive mistake, must have been hoaxed, would certainly look into the matter, but finding the sleigh at the depot, evidently waiting for some one, had of course supposed it was waiting for me, never thought of it being for Eddie and the coachman taking me for his friend; then I stammered and stumbled out of the room and fled through the mud and snow, to the station.

I endeavored to explain it to Snowden on Monday but he said the less I said about it the better; I wish he thought the same advice applied to him. He's been spreading it all over college, and his charming sisters coming up for the sports too; just my luck.

Hello, it's two o'clock, how I do run on but I'm off now so fare thee well.

—The coat hooks in the janitor's room are better than no cloak-room at all.

NECESSARY EXPENSES.

THE *Register* says the necessary expense for "washing and incidentals," for a college year of forty weeks are fifteen dollars. Let me see, that is a dollar and a-half a month. Incidentals, you know are the "sundries" of our account books, leaving these out as being a small part of such a generous allowance, because it only includes dues for the athletic and base ball associations, subscriptions for our college hops, church guilds, and all the entertainments given for the benefit of Bethlehem's fair daughters, carriage hire for these evenings, tickets to the theatre, trips to Philadelphia or New York during the Easter and Thanksgiving vacations, besides about sixty dollars for laboratory work if you take mining engineering or chemistry, etc. It might be said some of these items are unnecessary, but any one who has spent two months here knows a man must do or die.

Now with the rest of the dollar and a-half, you must pay for the washing. A pair of paper cuffs costs five cents, a paper collar two cents. By borrowing a rubber from your friend they may be made to meet all the necessary demands of the student for two weeks. A dark blue flannel shirt will go well with these and need not be considered under washing expenses. Two handkerchiefs a month are allowed, but care must be taken to avoid catching cold. One suit of under-clothing may be afforded in winter, in summer you may not wear any. Bed linen must be used only on legal holidays. The estimate is for poor people, the rich may spend three dollars a month, if they want to be extravagant and make others envious. "Care of room and use of furniture," is considered; for this you can spend five dollars a year and the more fortunate ones as high as twenty. This is altogether too much, what can a man want to spend five dollars a year for furniture for? From twenty to forty-five dollars is expected to be used for "books, stationery, etc. If one book costs twenty-two dollars and another eight in one term, you will be

compelled to write love letters to your heiress on postal cards, and to your father on the back of a paper cuff, to "send me twenty-five dollars for this month's allowance. I owe twenty for board, one dollar for room rent, four dollars for washing and a few small bills, amounting to about twenty-five dollars. I will keep the remainder for next month." Truly, in this age of "sells," that of "necessary expenses," as given in the *Register*, is the biggest one out.

THAT CHAPEL BELL.

THAT chapel bell—that chapel bell—
How many a tale its clangor tells
Of cuts and flunks and that glad time,
When first I heard its brazen chime.

Those breakfast hours are passed away,
When many a meal uneaten lay
As up the hill I tore, pell-mell,
But heard, too soon, that chapel bell.

And so 't will be when I am gone,
That deafening peal will still ring on,
And other men with frantic yell,
Shall signal Ed, to "hold that bell!" —Max.

A CHARACTER STUDY.

AFTER HENRY JAMES, JR.

THE saying, "better be out of the world than out of the fashion," is a literary as well as a social truism. The tendency to run in ruts, to take up a particular vein of writing which some rising genius has discovered and work it to the verge of exhaustion, is more noticeable in college publications than in others. The latest craze is the writing of stories by the epistolary method. In the *Century* appeared an article in this style, by Henry James, Jr., and entitled "The Point of Vein." Straightway his admirers fell into line and began to imitate. College papers blossomed out with letters dated from all parts of the globe, and containing the mangled portions of some romance or tragedy.

Overcome by the infection, the exchange editor attempted something in that line. As a majority of the board survived its first reading, it is considered safe to publish it.

It is entitled,

A PACKET OF OLD LETTERS.

(From Theophilus Fresh. to the President of Lehigh University)

BETHLEHEM, PA., Sept. 15, 1880.

DEAR DR :

Please excuse my absence from chapel yesterday morning, because last night just as I was going to wind up the alarm clock Tom Jones came in, and we talked about sophomores and I forgot all about the clock, and it didn't go off, and I overslept and missed chapel.

Yours Affectionately,

T. F.

(From the same to Oldman Fresh., Esq.)

BETHLEHEM, Sept. 24, 1880.

DEAR FATHER :

I do feel awful bad this morning, and not a bit like writin. This is how it was. Thursday was students' day at the Allentown Fair, and there weren't to be any recitations in the afternoon at least so the sophs. said, and I went up to the fair, and after Tom Jones and I came back, we had to sit up so late studying our lessons for next day. I had an awful headache the next morning, and my eyes were all inflamed, and I didn't have any appetite, so that I couldn't go up to college and now I'm most afraid to ask Prez. to excuse me, because this morning in chapel he shut his lips together hard and ruffled up his voice and said: "it is needless to say, that positively no excuses will be accepted for absences on Thursday and Friday."

Your Affect. Son,

T. F.

(From the President to Theophilus Fresh.)

LEHIGH UNIVERSITY, }
President's Room. }

SOUTH BETHLEHEM, Oct. 12, 1880.

DEAR SIR :

You are hereby notified that you have five inexcused absences marked against you, and are admonished.

Should your inexcused absences amount to ten, you will be brought before the faculty for their action, and official notice will be sent to your ———.

Yours truly,

R. A. LAMBERTON, Pres't.

(From Theophilus to Prez.)

BETHLEHEM, Oct. 21, 1880.

DEAS SIR :

Will you please excuse my absences the last two days? I was sick.

Yours Respectfully,

T. F.

(From Prez to Theophilus.)

PRESIDENT'S ROOM, Oct. 24, 1880.

DEAR SIR :

Inasmuch as two-fifths of the students were, by their *own* statement, suffering from disease last week, it will be impossible for me to excuse your absences on that plea, as the addition of your case would raise the percentage above the limit fixed by law, and we should be put under strict quarantine regulations.

Please accept my sympathy in your double affliction.

R. A. LAMBERTON, Pres't.

(From the Sec. of the Faculty to Oldman Fresh, Esq.)

BETHLEHEM, Nov. 3, 1880.

DEAR SIR :

Your son T. Fresh. having received ten inexcused absences, was to-day summoned before the faculty, and notice is hereby sent to you of the same. If he should receive fifteen inexcused absences, he will be expelled by the rules of the University.

Respectfully,

A. SCRIBBLER, Sec. Faculty.

(From Theophilus to Prez.)

BETH., 11, 9, '80.

SIR :

Please ex. my absences on yesterday and the day before that, and the day before that, and oblige

Y'rs truly,

T. FRESH.

P. S. I had previous engagements. T. F.

(From Oldman Fresh, to T. Fresh.)

FRESHTOWN, Nov. 9, '80.

MY DEAR THEOPHILUS :

Imagine the anguish with which my parental heart was wrung, on receiving notice that you had been summoned

before the faculty for inexcused absences, and that but a few steps more in the path of transgression would result in your expulsion. Oh, my son! I beg of you, reform before it is too late! Do not bring down my gray hairs in sorrow to the grave, by being driven forth from college branded with inexcused absences.

Yours in the keenest parental solicitude,
OLDMAN FRESH.

(From the Sec of the Faculty to Theophilus Fresh.)

BETHLEHEM, NOV. 15, '80.

SIR:

Inasmuch as your health seems to suffer terribly by even a partial attendance upon University exercises, the faculty request you to withdraw yourself from the University until your shattered energies are recuperated.

Yours Respect.

A. SCRIBBLER, Sec. Faculty.

P. S. Consider yourself bounced.

(From John Johnson, Chief Engineer B. I. Co., to Oldman Fresh., Esq.)

BETHLEHEM, NOV. 20, '80.

DEAR SIR:

While watching the pumps which supply the Borough of South Bethlehem with water this morning, I observed the delicate machinery of one to halt as though uncertain whether it ought to keep it up or not. On investigating the cause I found in the pump cylinder a portion of a pair of pantaloons, which I send by express, C. O. D. In the pocket of which was an unpaid washbill made out against one Theophilus Fresh. The general theory is that he committed suicide by jumping off New St. bridge and was sucked in through the filter into the pump.

Yours Respect.

JOHN JOHNSON.

P. S. If you have any need of a filter, I should like to sell you one. The excellence of my filter over all others, in retaining all impurities is shown in this case, where it retained the shoes although allowing the comparatively harmless pantaloons to pass.

J. J.

Here it is presumed that somebody pulled the string, for the contents of the remainder of the packet are still unknown.

MAX.

COMMUNICATIONS.

MR. EDITOR: — An important item in college life, which has hitherto been neglected at Lehigh, now claims the attention and hearty co-operation of her students.

Last term, a meeting of those interested in base ball, was held in the chapel, and an association was formed. As it was late in the Fall little was done except the choosing of a nine; but this year, by starting as soon as the weather permits and making use of the gymnasium and the new grounds of the Athletic Association, the nine will be able to get into good condition. There is no reason why Lehigh should not stand as well in base ball as she does in athletics. We have good material and all that is necessary is practice, and now that the prospect of having one of the finest base ball fields in the country has become a certainty, there is no reason why this practicing should not be done. The association is young and its members are few, but this can easily be remedied by the students coming to the front, like men, and showing that they are willing to forward the interests of their alma mater, not only by their verbal approval but also by their pecuniary aid.

Of course there are persons who will say, that's all very well, but where are we to get time to play base ball if we don't want to "flunk out" at the end of the term? To those we would say, it is true that our faculty does not take the interest in these things that is taken by the same bodies at other colleges, but that should not deter the students from taking this into their own hands and putting Lehigh in her proper place, as regards this healthful and manly sport. This could be done by taking the time wasted every day in doing nothing, and using it in practicing. The first year we do not expect to step right to the front and take all the laurels, but we may make a beginning, even if we are defeated in every game played with other college nines. We had University nines, but they died like many similar

efforts, simply because the students think that they have neither time nor money for anything but study and "Dutch balls." But that day we hope, is passed, not that we would discourage anybody from attending to either of these two great factors of our college life, but we ask that base ball be given the equal encouragement it deserves.

There is still another and more vital question. The association must have money, especially if we play other colleges, and this is its main object. There is no use starting in this matter, unless it is certain that the students will take enough interest in it to pay the expenses, without having them fall too heavily on a few, who will not only do all the playing, but, unless the college lends a helping hand, will have to do all the paying.

Lehigh has become very well known through athletics and the BURR, and there is no reason why she should not become still better known by means of base ball. If other colleges know that we have a nine and that it is in a condition to send and receive challenges, they will seek for information as to its strength, and at the same time get, indirectly, news of the college. If we should beat them or make them struggle hard for victory, their opinion of the college will advance proportionally. Now that an association has been formed and the nine is all ready to practice, it will be a pity if, for want of support, it has to stop work and let matters go back to where they were two or three years ago. Let the expenses be divided among the whole body of students, and it will require but a small sum from each man.

Now fellow students, whether you take any interest in base ball or not, you should take enough in the welfare and reputation of your University to come and not only put down your names as members of the association, but also to give it, in its infancy, the financial aid that is required to make it a success.

A MEMBER.

—A cane rush at College of city of New York, on February 13, ended in a fisticuff.

EDITORS OF "BURR:"—There is something radically wrong at the library. The alcove reader after, having had to put up with the stupidity and ill humor of the "bookworm" (?) attendant for three years, naturally expects when he once gets inside that very exclusive rail, that he will cease to be troubled. But he no sooner is there than he is confronted with a notice that he must on no account touch the periodicals, and when they are doled out to him he must take them outside to read. He naturally inquires the cause of this, and is answered, because, forsooth, the alcoves are too crowded, when there is not a single man in there beside himself and the aforesaid "bookworm;" because it mixes the papers up, when the attendant has nothing else to do but keep them in order; because when you come to the truth of the matter, he is lazy and likes to usurp a semblance of authority. Now the main floor of the library is, (during the morning) always ten times more crowded than the alcoves, yet when you want to read a paper or a magazine, you must hunt around for a chair, or if, as is usually the case, the seats are all taken, you must bring your chair from the alcoves, outside the rail, and there read your paper.

That the usually wise and accommodating director should have instigated this we do not think for a moment, but he has allowed this rule to be made through the misrepresentations of his assistants.

Politeness is not one of the shining virtues of the "bookworm." If you happen to address a word (a little louder than you were aware of) to a companion, you are told to "behave yourselves or 'git' out of here." You are in doubt whether it is better to remain where you are, or to take his advice and "git" out, take him with you, and thump him against the steps outside.

S.

—The last number of the *Nation* contains an article upon the "crnsh hat." It is in favor of carrying them in ball rooms.

MY VALENTINE.

With trembling hand I broke the seal,
 My heart was standing still;
 It might have been a *billet doux*,
 Or maybe, "a due bill."

A smile spread o'er my genial face,
 My bosom swelled with pride,
 My eyes began to dance with joy
 At what I saw inside.

'Twas her sweet face I there beheld,
 Her eyes looked into mine
 And seemed to say, with tender words,
 "I am thy Valentine."

Z.

KERNELS.

—Lambert, '83, is married.

—Mr. J. H. Paddock, M.E., class of '79, is married.

—Dr. Coppée's lectures are much appreciated by the seniors.

—The tug-of-war team is in training. The other men ought to be also.

—There should be more electives for the classical and scientific students.

—Things are progressing; the latest thing is a grand raffle for a bicycle.

—The cigarette men of the college are importing large quantities of Cuban cigarettes.

—The trees on the campus are being thinned out, presumably to give the grass a chance.

—The orchestra seems to have died a natural death, and once more there is peace in the halls.

—Part of an opera troupe in the sanctum (in the absence of the editors of course). What next!

—The seniors who cut chapel habitually give as an excuse that they are fortifying themselves for Feb. 22d.

—Put your name down on the BURR subscription paper for a good round sum and help the Athletic Association along.

—The Bicycle Club intend having club races and exhibitions of fancy riding, soon after the regular spring sports.

—The Bicycle Club are contemplating building a house for their machines in the spring, provided they can get a suitable place.

—The junior civil engineers' drawing room has been refurnished. Additional desks have also been placed in the freshman drawing-room.

—The recent performance of the "Chimes of Normandy" by an amateur company was quite the best thing we have had for some time.

—When prominent juniors are seen sliding down the terrace with a book for a sled it is time for the freshmen to get their rattles and mend their hoops.

—The Base Ball Association is booming; a committee has been appointed to select a proper uniform, and the team will soon go into regular training.

—Prof. Ringer is delivering a course of private lectures on Italian modern history. What has become of the course announced in last year's catalogue?

—What is the use of a college "edication" when it takes the combined efforts of the senior miners for a whole afternoon to extract the fifth root of 27.

—The festive junior now "bobbeth" down the icy hills, upsets a lump post or a meandering soph, and retires for meditation to his own bed of the "jug."

—Pach will be here in March. Students desiring photographs taken, will hand their names as early as possible to either Mr. Dalrymple, Hoppes or Goldsmith.

—And now the freshmen play popular medleys on the chapel organ while waiting for change of classes. If they have not decency to stop this of their own accord, the professors in the vicinity might exert themselves and make them.

—Wet coats are continually being hung in the balance room and the balances are continually out of order. There may, or may not, be a connection between the two. Both should be remedied.

—The new registers are out with cuts of Packer Hall and the Library. The total number of students is given as 187. The civil engineers number 57, and lead all the other courses, the mining coming next.

—By way of a solution to the Yale-Harvard controversy on boating matters, *Life* suggests that eight men from each college row a boat race. The idea is good though perhaps a little startling in its novelty.

—*Apropos* of the Yale *News'* estimate of the number of foot tons of work done by an oarsman in an ordinary boat race, the *Crimson* remarks that it was doubtless the tons of feet in Yale's boat that lost them the race last June.

—While passing between the towering rows of students at the inside door of the opera house after the play, a young lady was heard to remark, "Are all these freshmen?" Don't do it again. It is neither ornamental nor polite.

—The Workingmen's Club on Fourth and New is a worthy object on which to practice your charitable theories. You must have any number of old books, illustrated papers, magazines, etc., that you don't want. Send them to it, they will not be refused.

—What is the use of the marble washstands in the Library? This question was asked by a suffering editor last year, and has not been answered yet. If they are for ornament put them where they may be seen; if for use, pray supply them with the necessary fixtures.

—If the money spent in "entertaining" the younger members of the first families of Allentown (as you drive in) who sang in Dutch Pinafore, had been given direct to the Workingmen's Club, the wealth of the latter would now rival that of the Standard Oil Company, or Roscoe Conkling.

—Oh! Dutch, Dutch Pinafore
Pray, come to us no more
With your "ladies" fine, who sing so out of tune,
You may suit the Dutch, Dutch *Tines*
But for us we like the Chimes
Of Normandy which can't come back too soon.

—The Chinese students who entered the University with the class of '83, have again been heard from. Mr. Fung Kai Whang is an instructor in the Imperial Naval College at Tientsin. Mr. Wong is an interpreter at Tientsin Arsenal and Mr. Chin is superintendent of the Ka Ping coal mines.

—A member of the Wilkes-Barre opera troupe told a student that the company had been warned by their Allentown rivals (?) of rows of blackguardly students, who interrupted the performance by hisses and groans, and who covered the stage with highly objectionable missiles. The gleam of the single studs and the hearty applause that welcomed them must have been a pleasant surprise.

—Scene, Opera House; worthy Bethlehemite to student: "I haf showed you mine ticket dree und four times yet already, uf you don't show me to mine seat I report you to Mr. Aschbach." Student endeavors to explain that a gentleman may wear a dress suit to the theatre without necessarily being an usher or a leader of the orchestra. A fact, by the way, some of our backwood students do not seem to comprehend.

—The individuals who supply the performers at the opera house with gags on the students, received a lesson some nights ago which we hope they will remember. The comedians, who to gain a laugh from our worthy townspeople, publicly insult a part of their audience, whose bare presence means money in their pockets, may in future choose between making an apology for their misplaced wit publicly from the stage, or of being hissed off it.

—The proposed extension of the park is as follows: The fence at the South will be run out across the ravine and down along the road running up the mountain; the North fence will be extended to meet it and there will be a large gate opposite the entrance to the grounds of the Athletic Association. From this, a driveway will connect with those running down from the terrace and back of Christmas and Saucon Halls. Students will thus be enabled to reach the track without going outside of the park.

COLLEGE NOTES.

BROWN.—The college suffers a great loss in the death of Professor Green, who occupied the chair of mathematics.—The *Brunonian* is agitating the matter of fire escapes to the dormitories.—Prof. Blake is preparing a text-book on physics.

UNIVERSITY OF PENN.—The senior class supper came off on the 19th ult., and was a fair success.—The bowl fight took place on the 1st of February; the sophomores kept possession of the bowl until time was called, when they carried it off in triumph.—Examinations are over.

YALE.—The Junior Promenade was a decided success.—The *Courant* pleads for "some sound and sensible instruction in physical culture."—The Yale-Harvard boat-race snarl is unravelling slightly.—The sophomore crew is booming.—The faculty of Sheffield are considering plans for the erection of a machine shop. It is to be of brick and two stories high.

COLUMBIA.—The *Spectator* publishes the names of its editors for the benefit of the *Crimson*, and says "no outside influence is brought to bear upon the journalistic work of this paper."—The boat club is in need of money.—Alumni Dinner on 13th inst.—Columbia has no more money than is needed for running expenses.—First medical college established in this country at Columbia, 1767.—The University crew will not begin training until after the holidays.

WILLIAMS.—The *Athenaeum* cordially invites the alumni to present the college with a new organ for the chapel.—The season is extremely dull.—There is an epidemic of colds contracted in recitation rooms where the temperature is down to absolute zero.—The concert of the musical association given in North Adams was a complete success.—The edition of the *Gul* is nearly exhausted.—The junior minstrels are a thing of the past.—'84's dramatic committee is at work on an entertainment for the last week of the term.

AMHERST.—The choir is shirking.—Plans for the new gymnasium are nearly completed; work will be commenced in Spring.—The *Student* is exercised over the question of graded diplomas.—Some practical joker sent a bogus summons to appear before the President to the *Olio* board.—The nine will go into training at the end of the month.—The entire edition of the *Olio*, 1200 copies, was exhausted in two days from the time they went on sale.—The seniors have succeeded in obtaining a release from Monday morning catechism, under certain conditions.

HARVARD.—The *Crimson* calls for a more thorough course in political economy.—The class regatta is to come off on May 10th.—The average weight of the freshman crew is 163 lbs.—Thirteen men are trying for the freshman nine.—Professor Sargent is delivering weekly lectures on Physiology and Hygiene.—The senior editors have retired from the management of the *Advocate* and *Crimson*.—The powers that be are agitating the subject of fire-escapes.—Pach's studio burned down, but the photographs of the graduating class will not be delayed as a majority of the negatives had been sent to New York.—The semi-annual examinations are over.—The *Advocate* "growls" at the extraordinary questions contained in some of the examination papers.

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